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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1/18/89 BY SP6 [redacted]
Per CIA letter 9/23/88

Re telephone call, Division 5, 2/28/67.

SAM MIKE NEWMAN, owner of office building located at 544 Camp Street, New Orleans, La., advised on 11/25/63 that approximately eight or nine months prior to date of interview, he rented office space at 544 Camp Street, which he believed was space 6 or 7, to several Cubans, names unknown, who were with the Cuban Revolutionary Association. NEWMAN said he had seen these Cubans around the office of GUY BANNISTER, Guy Bannister Associates. NEWMAN stated he believed one of these individuals was SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH.

NEWMAN stated the Cuban Revolutionary Association did not have the money to pay the rental on the office space and were to pay the rental to him from proceeds derived from a city-wide fund collection campaign for the Cuban people. He advised that the Cuban Revolutionary Association occupied office space at 544 Camp Street for three or four months. NEWMAN stated approximately 1 1/2 months after they moved, he received a check for $100 from a Mr. GRIMALDI (phonetic) who was the volunteer bookkeeper for the organization. He stated the head of the group was LUIS RABEL.

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NEWMAN stated not over two months prior to interview a man telephonically contacted him wanting to rent an office in the building and furnished his name and the name of the organization he represented, but NEWMAN was unable to recall either name. NEWMAN stated he was certain the organization had nothing to do with Cuba, however, this man wanted the office space open at night for meetings of the organization and said all he needed was a desk and about fifteen chairs. NEWMAN stated he had no further contact with this unknown individual and did not rent any space to this person.

NEWMAN advised he has never rented office space to the Fair Play for Cuba Committee or anyone by the names V. T. LEE, A. J. HIDELL or known variations thereof, or under the name O. H. LEE. He viewed a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and has no recollection of seeing him in or around the building at that address, or of any individual by that name contacting him in regard to the rental of office space at that address.

GUY BANNISTER, Guy Bannister Associates, Inc., 531 Lafayette, New Orleans, advised on 11/25/63 that SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, who was head of that organization in New Orleans some time ago, had told him on one occasion that he, SMITH, had an office in the building located at 544 Camp Street, New Orleans.

The 1962 New Orleans City Directory lists GUY BANNISTER Associates, Inc., at 531 Lafayette Street, New Orleans, La.

The 1964 New Orleans City Directory lists GUY BANNISTER Associates, Inc., at 531 Lafayette Street, New Orleans, La.

The files of the New Orleans Office contain a letter dated 3/30/61 addressed to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, from Deputy Director (Plans), CIA, which contains information that W. GUY BANNISTER had a detective agency at 531 Lafayette Street, New Orleans, La.

It is to be noted that the addresses at 544 Camp Street and 531 Lafayette Street are in the same office building which is located at the corner of Camp and Lafayette Streets, New Orleans.